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Forwarding this your way because of the list of winter shelters in the area in case you come across someone in need.

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Dear Friend:

The City of Los Angeles just launched an unprecedented, comprehensive sidewalk repair program, called [Safe Sidewalks LA](#), which will invest \$1.4 billion over the next 30 years to make all 11,000 miles of the city's sidewalk grid accessible and safe for everyone. Safe Sidewalks LA is one of the biggest and boldest infrastructure programs in LA's history.

My work on this began three years ago when I introduced a series of motions calling for a comprehensive sidewalk repair plan that would address all broken, inaccessible sidewalks in

Los Angeles. My partner in this work, Councilmember Joe Buscaino, and I followed up with 10 public hearings to study how best to implement such a plan. We discussed myriad policy options, heard comments from hundreds of Angelenos and considered a number of reports on the matter, which led us to the program we now have today.

During that time, we also worked with city departments to begin repairing sidewalks next to city-owned properties, like parks, libraries and recreation centers, and the City Council created a sidewalk repair trust fund to house the \$50 million budgeted for sidewalk repairs over the past three years. To date, we have repaired dozens of miles of sidewalks around public buildings in the San Fernando Valley and across the city.

Starting right now, sidewalk repairs will begin in residential and commercial neighborhoods. These repairs will improve neighborhood safety, boost the quality of life and better connect our communities. Property owners can choose from several options that are available in the program, and we encourage Angelenos to participate and help us renew our pedestrian grid.



[www.sidewalks.lacity.org](http://www.sidewalks.lacity.org)

## **Rebate Program**

Because the plan will stretch over three decades, we recognize that some property owners may want to get their broken sidewalks fixed as soon as possible. The new Rebate Program will provide up to \$2,000 to homeowners and \$4,000 for commercial property owners who want to repair their own sidewalk. Rebates will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis for the next three years. Applicants will get their sidewalks inspected by the city, will receive a rebate offer and will then be responsible for repairing their sidewalks. People who want to take advantage of the Rebate Program can start the process by visiting [www.sidewalks.lacity.org](http://www.sidewalks.lacity.org).

### **Access Request Program**

Another key piece of the overall program is Access Request. This program will take complaints and make repairs requested by people with a mobility disability who encounter physical barriers, like broken sidewalks, missing/broken curb ramps or other barriers in the public right of way. To request a repair through the Access Request Program, call the Department on Disability at 213-202-2685 (voice) or 213-202-3452 (TTY).

### **How to Report a Broken Sidewalk**

Residents who do not qualify for either of those programs should still report broken sidewalks and request repairs at [www.sidewalks.lacity.org](http://www.sidewalks.lacity.org). The city will repair all broken sidewalks over the course of the 30 year program.

I also pushed hard to make the plan environmentally sustainable and, because of these efforts, the city will make every effort to protect mature neighborhood trees when repairing sidewalks and, if trees must be removed to complete a repair, they will be replaced at a 2 to 1 ratio. Using alternative materials on sidewalks that maximize groundwater infiltration and make parkways more sustainable and resilient is also part of the plan.

With this new and unprecedented commitment to repair LA's sidewalks, we are making good on our promise to improve the city's neighborhoods without burdening home and business owners. I hope you'll agree that this plan is a monumental step forward for our city.

If you have questions about Safe Sidewalks LA or want to apply for the rebate, visit [www.sidewalks.lacity.org](http://www.sidewalks.lacity.org).

**Click here to watch ABC 7's coverage about the new Safe Sidewalks LA program:** [bit.ly/2gJDJUT](http://bit.ly/2gJDJUT)

Very truly yours,



Councilmember Paul Krekorian, District 2

## TOP STORIES

### Construction Alert: Street Resurfacing Underway



EAST VALLEY - On Saturday, Dec. 3, city crews will complete a street resurfacing project on Tujunga Avenue, from Morrison Street to Riverside Drive. During the one-day project, Tujunga Avenue will be under full closure from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

**Tujunga Avenue Resurfacing Project**  
**Between Morrison Street to Riverside Drive**  
**Dec. 3, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.**

Drivers are advised to use Colfax Avenue or Vineland Avenue as alternate routes during

construction hours.

## 'Tis the Season to Be Generous and Jolly

EAST VALLEY - The holiday season is in full swing, and we have the perfect list of good tidings and holiday cheer to get you through the end of the year. From Councilmember Krekorian's annual Holiday Food and Toy Drive to community open houses, parties and festivals, there plenty of opportunities to enjoy festive events and give back to the community.



Help families in need and bring donations of food and toys to Councilmember Krekorian's annual holiday event.

[Click here to RSVP](#)

**Holiday Food and Toy Drive**  
**Thursday, Dec. 8, 10 a.m.**  
**First Christian Church**  
**4390 Colfax Ave.**  
**Studio City**

Neighborhood Council Valley Village invites you to celebrate the sixth annual Light Up Valley Village Block Party and Merchants' Holiday Open House. Local businesses will host discounted shopping, special activities, free food and more. Shop locally this year.

**Light Up Valley Village Holiday Block Party**  
**Saturday, Dec. 3, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.**  
**Intersection of Whitsett and Magnolia**  
**Valley Village**



The Studio City Neighborhood Council's annual Luminaria celebration will light up the Campo de Cahuenga where thousands of paper lanterns will light up the night as kids and families enjoy fun activities, live music and entertainment.

**4th Annual Luminaria**  
**Sunday, Dec. 4, 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.**  
**Campo de Cahuenga**  
**3919 Lankershim Blvd.**  
**Studio City**

Celebrate the holidays with the Studio City Residents Association at the Studio City Recreation Center's annual Winter Family Festival. Enjoy music, crafts, prizes, a special appearance by Santa, and lots of snow for the whole family.

**Studio City Winter Family Festival**  
**Sunday, Dec. 11, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.**  
**Studio City Rec Center (Beeman Park)**  
**12621 Rye St.**  
**Studio City**

**Are You a Poet Who Knows it?**



LOS ANGELES - Do you have what it takes to be LA's next Poet Laureate? Los Angeles is in search of its next master poet to lead the Poet Laureate Program and bring greater literary vibrancy to the city.

The Poet Laureate Program, which is managed as a partnership between the Department of Cultural Affairs and the Los Angeles Public Library, was established in August 2012. The City of Los Angeles Poet Laureate is selected through an open-call process. Just as the National Poet Laureate works from within the Library of Congress, the LA's Poet Laureate will work within the Los Angeles Public Library to serve as an official ambassador of the city's vibrant creative scene, promoting LA's rich literary community and celebrating the written word.

To learn more about the program, eligibility, the selection process and how to apply, visit the LAPL website: [www.lapl.org/collections-resources/blogs/central-library/los-angeles-poet-laureate-open-call-applications](http://www.lapl.org/collections-resources/blogs/central-library/los-angeles-poet-laureate-open-call-applications).

**All application materials must be submitted electronically by Friday, Dec. 16, 2016 no later than 11:59 p.m.** through Slide Room: [www.culturela.slideroom.com/#/login](http://www.culturela.slideroom.com/#/login). If you have questions about the application process contact the DCA Grants Office at [dca.grants@lacity.org](mailto:dca.grants@lacity.org) or call (213) 202-5566.

## City Takes Steps to Protect Immigrant Residents





LOS ANGELES - In a move to ensure the quality of life in the nation's second largest city, and to protect LA's highly diverse communities and residents, the City Council recently approved the creation of an Ad Hoc Committee on Immigrant Affairs.

In addition to the committee's creation, the Council's proposal urged the following:

- Creating a new Immigrant Advocate position in the city;
- Defining the term "sanctuary city" and how that might apply to LA;
- Identifying and categorizing all federal grants, loans, and other funding that the City of

Los Angeles currently receives;

- Identifying all state laws applicable to immigration and relevant to the City of Los Angeles that may come into conflict with potential changes in federal law; and
- Identifying all federal laws applicable to immigration and relevant to the City of Los Angeles that are currently enacted and not being enforced.

The City Council will hear an update on these issues in January 2017.

## **CITY SPOTLIGHT**

### **Winter Shelters Are Now Open**



EAST VALLEY - This week, the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority announced the opening of its 2016 Winter Shelter Program from now through March 1, 2017.

Those in need of emergency shelter are encouraged to go directly to one of the listed pick-up points for free transportation, rather than the site address, unless otherwise indicated. Most shelters open at 5 p.m. In the San Fernando Valley, transportation is available at the following locations for the Hope of the Valley shelter:

**Hope of the Valley Sylmar Armory**

**12860 Arroyo Drive, Sylmar, CA 91342**  
**(818) 207-8776**

Pick-up Point	Pick-up Address	Time
<u>Sun Valley</u> : Hope of the Valley Thrift Store (Van#1)	8165 San Fernando Road	6 p.m.
<u>North Hollywood</u> : Outside of McDonald's (Van#1)	8045 Lankershim Blvd.	6:30 p.m.
<u>Van Nuys</u> : In Front of the Bus Bench (Van#2)	6212 Van Nuys Blvd.	6 p.m., 6:30 p.m., 8 p.m.

Walk-up guests are welcome. No shopping carts will be allowed in the shelter, but each guest may bring one small bag.

During the cold and wet weather season, the program provides homeless individuals with essential overnight shelter and meals. In addition to temporary emergency shelter, each program location provides access to supportive services and housing assistance. More than 1,400 beds will be available during the 2016-2017 Winter Shelter Program season across the LA area.

For more information, call the Winter Shelter Hotline at (800) 548-6047 or visit [www.lahsa.org](http://www.lahsa.org).

## COMMUNITY CORNER

### A Cleaner East Valley

EAST VALLEY - At the direction of Councilmember Krekorian, city crews completed cleanups along several streets, alleys, bike paths and bridges to beautify the community.



**Crews removed 24 bags of trash and debris from this North Hollywood alley. | Photo: CD2**



**The Colfax Pedestrian Bridge in Studio City is now clear of litter. Crews removed more than 10 bags of trash from the site. | Photo: CD2**



A refreshed area at the Chandler Bike Path in North Hollywood. | Photo: CD2

## PHOTOS OF THE WEEK



**The San Fernando Valley Rescue Mission helped 500+ homeless children, women and men share a great Thanksgiving meal in Van Nuys. | Photo: CD2**





Councilmember Krekorian joined a panel hosted by the North Hollywood Northeast Neighborhood Council to speak about building safer neighborhoods and enhancing police and community relations. He was joined by Deputy City Attorney Diego Edber and members of the LAPD. | Photo: CD2

## EVENTS



**Single Parent Resource Fair**  
**Saturday, Dec. 3, 10 a.m.**  
**11210 Otsego St.**  
**North Hollywood 91601**

Hands for Hope LA invites you to a resources fair for single parents. The free event features guest speakers and various information booths about childcare and child support, applying for housing, fixing and improving your credit, starting a business, how to get good insurance, access crisis services, buying a car and getting better employment. Breakfast and lunch will be provided, along with free childcare for parents participating in the fair. For more information, contact (818) 763-4673.



**Metro Art Move Photography Exhibit Tour on the Red Line**  
**Saturday, Dec. 3**



**David Maisel, Rafael Cardenas & Michiko Yao**  
**1:30 pm Meet at Vermont/Beverly Station entrance**  
**Travel onto Hollywood/Highland Station**  
**4:00 pm End @ Universal City/Studio City Station**

Don't miss this photography exhibit tour on Saturday, December 3, exploring rotating artwork displays within the Metro system. In-depth interviews with the artists will be led by curator Sam Lee. Free TAP cards will be available for tour attendees at the start of each tour.



**Great Streets Lankershim Blvd. Community Pop Up**  
**Saturday, Dec. 3, 10 a.m.**  
**Lankershim Blvd.**  
**Between Weddington St. and Magnolia Blvd.**  
**North Hollywood**

Join Councilmember Krekorian and the Great Streets Initiative for a day of food, music, and family-friendly fun. In 2013, Mayor Eric Garcetti and Councilmember Paul Krekorian designated Lankershim Boulevard as one of LA's first 15 Great Streets. LA will be investing in improvements along the corridor to enhance economic vitality, safety and quality of life for residents, business owners and visitors. Share your input on how to create a better and safer street for the community.



**Whitnall Off-Leash Dog Park Celebration Event**  
**Wednesday, Dec. 7, 9 a.m.**  
**5801 1/2 Whitnall Highway**  
**North Hollywood, CA 91601**

Join Councilmember Krekorian and the Dept. of Recreation and Parks to celebrate Whitnall Off-Leash Dog Park as the winner of the Beneful Dream Dog Park Contest. Because the community banded together and voted overwhelmingly for it, the neighborhood dog park will soon receive a Beneful Dream Dog Park makeover.



**Operation Blankets of Love Volunteer Orientation Meeting**  
**Sunday, Dec. 18, 11 a.m. to 12 noon**  
**East Valley Shelter**  
**14409 Vanowen St.**  
**Van Nuys, CA 91405**

Operation Blankets of Love is looking for volunteers. This community non-profit is looking for animal lovers to provide pet aid and comfort

items to homeless animals in shelters, rescue groups and pets of the homeless. Attend the upcoming volunteer orientation meeting at the East Valley Shelter to learn more about how you can get involved. For more information and to RSVP, call (818) 402-6586 or 6586 or [obol@obol.info](mailto:obol@obol.info). Visit [www.operationblanketsoflove.org](http://www.operationblanketsoflove.org) to learn more.

**[Click here to view all the upcoming events on our Community Calendar.](#)**

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